

REMARKS

Applicant intends this response to be a complete response to the Examiner's 24 August 2004 Non-Final Office Action. Applicant has labeled the paragraphs in his response to correspond to the paragraph labeling in the Office Action for the convenience of the Examiner.

Cited References in Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant thought that the references were included on a CD-ROM to save paper. Applicant encloses actual copies of the references with this response.

Claim Informalities

Applicant has canceled original claims 4 and 5 and added new claims 7-12. Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the entire application now be passed onto allowance.

If it would be of assistance in resolving any issues in this application, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact applicant's attorney Robert W. Strozier at 713.977.7000

Date: October 13, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

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